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HAPPY NEW YEAR

THINK FOOD
School Nutrition Programs
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**NATIONAL SCHOOL
BREAKFAST WEEK MARCH 3-7**

The 2008 National School Breakfast week theme is "FUEL YOUR IMAGINATION." This year's campaign hopes to educate students about the importance of eating breakfast and the benefits of eating breakfast at school.

For more information, menu ideas and downloadable activities visit the www.schoolnutrition.org Web site.

**PEER EDUCATION MINI-GRANT
OPPORTUNITY**

The Montana Team Nutrition Program is sponsoring a Healthy School Challenge Peer Education Mini-Grant program for school staff to receive professional development in creating healthier school menus and/or healthy

a la carte or vending options; and/or, strategies to enhance nutrition education and physical activity for students. There are 20 \$300 mini-grants to be distributed to support school staff in learning from their peers by visiting and observing operations at another school district in Montana.

Distribution will be on a first-come, first-served basis with complete and qualified mini-grant applications.

Funds will be awarded by March 31, 2008, and must be expended by September 30, 2008. The application and introductory letter are posted at: <http://www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/index.html>. If you have questions or need further clarifications contact

Montana Team Nutrition Program
(406) 994-5641.

ALL IT TAKES IS NUTRITION \$ENSE GUIDEBOOK

This toolkit provides information to help schools succeed at selling healthful foods and beverages in student-run stores. It contains lists of popular healthy items, standards for evaluating the nutritional value of an item, food safety information, marketing tips and advice from Montana student store advisors. It is available to download at: <http://www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/nutritionense.html>. For more information or a free copy of this resource contact Team Nutrition Program (406) 994-5641.



2008-09 USDA COMMODITY ORDERING WILL SOON BE ONLINE

The new commodity ordering system will be online soon. Ordering will begin in January 2008.

The ordering program will be similar to the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) Cooperative Purchase ordering system.

Watch for details and instructions coming soon.

SCHWAN'S COMMODITY CHEESE UPDATE

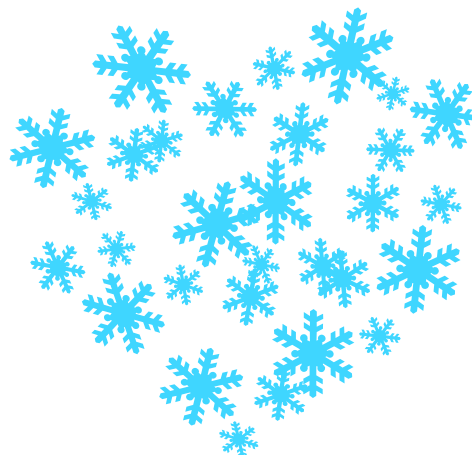
The Schwan's Commodity Cheese Rebate program is under way. Many schools that signed up for the rebate program have already received rebate checks in the mail.



According to the monthly progress reports we receive there are still some schools that have not begun placing orders to use their cheese entitlement.

Along with this information letter is a list of the products that are available through the rebate program. It lists the pounds of cheese needed per case along with the rebate value of each case.

If you do not plan to use your cheese entitlement, please let Food Distribution know by calling (406) 444-4415, so that we can reallocate your portion to other schools.



MT Codes - 2007-2008 SY

Schwan Code		Product Name	Drawdown	\$ Value/
			Mozz Lbs./case	Case
63615		Tony's 4x6 Sausage Pizza 50/50 Mozz	3.48	\$5.05
63616		Tony's 4x6 Reduced Fat Pepp 50/50 Mozz	4.65	\$6.75
63904		Tony's Breakfast Sausage Pizza	2.56	\$3.72
63564		Tony's Breakfast Pizza Bacon Scramble	2.60	\$3.78
71002		Tony's Smart Cheese Pizza 50/50 Mozz	4.50	\$6.53
73138		Big Daddy's 7" Pepperoni Pizza	3.15	\$4.57
73139		Red Baron 16" Four-Cheese Pizza	5.91	\$8.58
73142		Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza	9.00	\$13.07
73143		Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza	6.89	\$10.01
73162		Red Baron 7" Solo Cheese Pizza	6.00	\$8.71
73163		Red Baron 7" Solo Pepperoni Pizza	4.35	\$6.32
73328		Tony's Stuffed Sticks 100% Mozz	10.00	\$14.52
73329		Tony's Stuffed Sticks	6.00	\$8.71
78454		Tony's 4x6 Smart Pizza	4.50	\$6.53
78474		Tony's Galaxy 100% Mozz	9.05	\$13.14
78544		Tony's Galaxy Reduced Fat Pepp 50/50 Mozz	2.52	\$3.66
78455		Tony's 4x6 Smart Pizza Reduced Fat Pepperoni	3.90	\$5.66
78700		Tony's Breakfast Pizza Sausage Bagel	1.98	\$2.88
78823		Tony's Smart Pizza French Bread 50/50 Multi-Cheese	1.88	\$2.72
88005		Coyote Grill Chicken Quesadilla	6.57	\$9.54

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